GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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ACCIDENTS ON NATINAL HIGHWAY - 8
PRABHUNATH SINGH;RAMJI MANJHI

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Safety comes at a premium on country`s premier stretch of Highway` appearing in the Indian Express dated April 23, 2001;

(b) if so, the details of the facts reported therein;

(c) the steps taken to make the NH-8 free of raised patch of road to check accidents;

(d) whether the survey has been completed to provide a divider on National Highway-58 from Delhi to Hardwar; and

(e) if not, the time by which the survey is likely to be completed and a divider provided on the said road?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (B.C.KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) & (b) The Government is aware of the news item. The details regarding road condition, geometrics, accidents, etc., are not based on facts.

(c) Segregating traffic from opposing directions through a raised central median is a standard practice. Surface quality is good, all the curves are designed for 100 Km/h speed, road signs have been provided and the high fatality rate reported is not based on facts. A number of safety measures have been taken such as highway patrolling, ambulance services, crane services, improved road signs and markings.

(d) & (e) NH-58 between Delhi and Meerut is already having a 4-lane divided carriageway.For the remaining reaches between Meerut and Hardwar it is proposed to undertake the feasibility studies and Detailed Project Report during 2001-2002.